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Industries

Preference to ex-students in filling appointments in the Government School of Technology.

* 377 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. RANGASWAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the procedure adopted by the Government School of Technology when vacancies arise; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that students turned out by the school itself are given preference when the question of appointment comes in?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to rule 3 of the General Rules for Subordinate Services which prescribes the procedure to be followed in filling vacancies.

(*b*) No.

Public Works

Preference to Coimbatore cement.

* 378 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the cement manufactured in the cement factory at Coimbatore has been used for Government buildings;

(*b*) if so, whether the quality of this cement has been found to be satisfactory and the price favourable as compared with cement manufactured elsewhere; and

(*c*) whether instructions have been issued to Government departments to give preference to this cement?

A.—The Government have no information, but have called for a report.

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"In view of the great importance of the subject, will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to place the report on the table of the House when it is received?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I am willing to consider that suggestion."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Will the Local Government give preference to this cement as this is the only cement manufactured in this Presidency?" Inaudible

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Until I get the information called for I am not in a position to say anything."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"Will they do it if the quality is proved to be equally good as other brand of cement?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I cannot answer that hypothetical question."